



ALTERED LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS/SEIZURES

FIELD ASSESSMENT/TREATMENT INDICATORS

1. Patient exhibiting signs/symptoms of a possible altered level of consciousness.
2. Suspected narcotic dependence, overdose, hypoglycemia, traumatic injury, shock and alcoholism.
3. Tonic/clonic movements followed by a brief period of unconsciousness (post-ictal).
4. Suspect status epilepticus for frequent or extended seizures.

BLS INTERVENTIONS

1. Oxygen therapy as clinically indicated.
2. Position patient as tolerated. If altered gag reflex in absence of traumatic injury, place in left lateral position.
3. Place patient in axial spinal stabilization if trauma is suspected.
4. If patient history includes insulin or oral hypoglycemic medications, administer Glucose sublingual.

LIMITED ALS INTERVENTIONS (ADULT)

1. Obtain vascular access.
2. Obtain blood glucose. If hypoglycemic administer:
 - a. Dextrose 25 Grams (50cc) IV of 50% solution, or
 - b. Glucagon 1mg IM/SC/IN, if unable to establish IV. May give one (1) time only.
 - c. May repeat blood glucose. Repeat Dextrose if extended transport time.
3. If suspected narcotic overdose administer:

- a. Naloxone 2mg IM/IN.
 - b. Repeat Naloxone 2mg IM/IN every 2-3 minutes if needed.
4. Assess and document response to therapy.
5. Base Station may order additional medication dosages and fluid bolus.

LIMITED ALS INTERVENTIONS (PEDIATRIC)

1. Obtain vascular access.
2. Obtain blood glucose.
3. Glucagon 0.5mg IM/IN < 1year of age.
4. Glucagon 1.0mg IM/IN > 1 year of age.
5. Naloxone 0.1mg/kg IM/IN (maximum of 2mg). Repeat dose ever 2-3minutes.